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1. SUBSTANCE REFTEL DISCUSSED WITH CHERNILIN AND OTHERS
IN SECRETARIAT AS WELL AS WITH UK RESREP JACKSON.

2. SECRETARIAT NOW FEELS ITS PROPOSAL IN EKLUND LETTER
FOR A MEETING OF FOUR POTENTIAL PNE SUPPLIER STATES WAS
PREMATURE AND AGENCY WOULD LIKE TO LET MATTER RIDE FOR
TIME BEING. NO RESPONSES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE
FOUR INVITEES--US, FRENCH, UK, USSR, AND THERE NO
INDICATIONS THAT ANY EXPECTED SOON. SOVIETS HAVE NOT
REFERRED TO MATTER IN BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH US.

3. WE HAVE SUGGESTED SECRETARIAT BEGIN TO MOVE
AHEAD ON ITS OWN STUDIES OF LEGAL QUESTIONS WITH
POSSIBLE HELP FROM LEGAL EXPERTS PROVIDED BY MEMBER
STATES, INCLUDING US, SOMETIME AFTER FEBRUARY BOARD.
OUR FEELING IS THAT AGENCY WILL MOVE SLOWLY IF AT ALL.
OVER-BURDENED LEGAL STAFF HAS ITS DOCKET FULL WITH OTHER
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BUSINESS, AND AGENCY IS NOT ANXIOUS TO HAVE ITS HIGHER

PRIORITY WORK USURPED BY MARGINAL PNE ACTIVITY.

4. UK LIKED US APPROACH AS DESCRIBED REFTEL AND HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO JACKSON TO RESPOND ALONG LINES US RESPONSE. JACKSON AND I HAVE AGREED IN MEANTIME TO DO NOTHING UNTIL AFTER FEBRUARY BOARD, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WHICH MIGHT THEN TAKE PLACE. OUR CURRENT PROGNOSIS IS THAT SECRETARIAT WILL DO LITTLE BETWEEN NOW AND MAY REVIEW CONFERENCE ON LEGAL STUDY OF PNES UNLESS USG AND OTHERS GOAD THEM TO DO SO AND PROVIDE EXPERT ASSISTANCE FOR THE JOB. QUESTION IS WHETHER USG DEEMS IT IMPORTANT THAT AGENCY PREPARE A LEGAL STUDY WHICH COULD BE READY FOR CIRCULATION AT REVCON. UNTIL THAT DECISION MADE, AND INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED, I PROPOSE TO TAKE NO FURTHER INITIATIVE IN THE MATTER. PORTER

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